

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST**  
**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**24th September 2023**

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A  
Weekday readings  
Year 1  
Divine Office  
Week 1



***TODAY'S MASS***  
**Why be envious because  
I am generous?**

**Gospel Matthew 20:1-16**

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Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

# PARISH NEWS

Welcome to the parish of Hemel West. If you are new to the parish, please make yourself known to Fr Brian, by contacting him on 01442 391 759.

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER:

CAFOD's Family Fast Day will be on Friday 6 October, held at all Masses on the Weekend of 30 September/1 October. At this Fast Day, CAFOD is focussing on a Mobile Clinic in Pakistan, and as always, your generous donation and prayers are gratefully received. You can use the CAFOD Envelopes to donate or go on line at [cafod.org.uk/fastday](https://cafod.org.uk/fastday) Thank you.

**DENS:** Due to unprecedented demand for their foodbank, stocks have depleted to the lowest levels they have ever seen and DENS now need our community's support. We are continuing with the food collections for DENS and any donations are gratefully received. Please place your donation into the DENS box provided. Please go to their website to see the list of items needed at <https://www.dens.org.uk/support-us/high-needs-list/>

**RED BOX:** We would like to collect your Red Box during September. There will be a large red box at the back of both churches for your boxes, or you can take one of the brown envelopes and empty your box into it and return it to church. Please make sure that you mark the envelope with your name and address. Contact Janice on 07847167969 if you have any queries or would like your box to be collected.

**RAFFLE:** There will be a raffle for Macmillan Cancer Support on Sunday 1 October, after the 11.45am Mass at St Marks. Tickets are £1 a strip.

**PRAYER BOX:** There are prayer forms available at the back of the church. Please place your form into the Prayer Box, and the box will be placed on the altar during the Offertory. The box is emptied at the end of each month. Please note this does not replace the booking of a Mass intention for a departed or love one. If you would like to book a Mass intention, please contact Shirley in the parish office on 01442 391 759 option 2.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** If you're over the age of 18 and would like to make your Confirmation or become a Catholic, we will be running our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) course from October 2023. Please contact Callum at [cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk](mailto:cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk) or call 391759 and select option 4 for more information.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING:** This will take place on Monday 2 October, 7pm at St Mark's.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING:** This will take place on Monday 16 October, 7pm at St Mark's.

### REGISTRATION FORMS FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

**First Holy Communion Registration Form:** <https://forms.gle/FKaEwyExCCkBrjD7>

**Confirmation Registration Form:** <https://forms.gle/QEFAX7GUNu91upG6>

Both of these links are google documents, and so please be aware the forms may not open on some browsers. If you encounter issues, I recommend that you open the link through Google Chrome. Please contact Callum at [cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk](mailto:cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk) or call 01442 391759 and select option 4 if you have any problems with this process or for more information.

**DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS:** If you would like to donate for flowers for the churches in the parish of Hemel West, please put your donation into an envelope marked flower donation and either place the envelope into the Mass collection basket or hand it to Shirley in the parish office. If you would like to donate for flowers for the altar to mark a special occasion, please contact the parish office.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS:** When submitting an item for the newsletter, please send the details and information as you would like to see it published in the newsletter with no more than 60 words. Please email Shirley by Wednesday 12 Noon and she will do her best to accommodate it.

## SCHOOLS

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FOR

**SENIOR SCHOOL 2024:** If you are a parent who is looking to have your child attend a Catholic school in September 2024, you will find it helpful to read the guidance for the issuing of such a document, on the Hemel West parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/> and click on the link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/parish-forms/certificate-of-catholic-practice/> Requests for CCP will close on Monday 25 September. The closing date to collect certificates from the parish office, behind the Parish Centre, Boxmoor, will be Friday 29 September 2023.

### GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon. Luke	8:16–18
Tues. Luke	8:19 –21
Wed. Luke	9:1 - 6
Thurs. Luke	9:7 - 9
Fri. Luke	9:18 - 22
Sat. Luke	9:43 - 45
Sun Matthew	21:28 - 32

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** If you are going into Hospital do ask to see Theresa Taylor-Brookes the Catholic Chaplain. Please call the Chaplaincy office on 01923 217994 or 07776598704 for Watford and St Albans.

### Prayer

God, Father Almighty, grant us the grace to work tirelessly for justice, solidarity and peace, so that all your children may enjoy the freedom to choose whether to migrate or stay. Grant us the courage to denounce all the horrors of our world, and to combat every justice that mars the beauty of your children and the harmony of our common home. Sustain us by the power of your Spirit, so that we can reflect your tender love to every migrant whom you place in our path, and to spread in hearts and in every situation the culture of encounter and of care. Amen

Please join us for tea/coffee, after the 9.45am & 11.45am Masses. All are welcome.

**E-ALERT:** Please sign up for the parish e-alerts and keep up with all the parish news.

**DONA DONATIONS:** To help support our parish of Hemel West, we are providing you with an Online Donations Webpage. The donation page works across browsers, on a mobile phone, desktop and tablet devices, so that you can donate from home. Please scan the QR code to donate. Thank you for your continued support.



## PARISH FINANCES

**PLANNED GIVING:** Thank you to all those who have made the switch to donating by Standing Order. For those who wish to donate in this way, the details are:

*Account Name: WRCDT Hemel West*

*Sort Code: 40-05-20*

*Account No.: 31095048*

The offertory collection Income figures are published on a monthly basis once the bank reconciliation is completed.

**Office Hours and Telephone cover for Hemel West.**

**Email: [shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk)**

**Phone: 01442 391 759 option 2**

Telephone cover for Hemel West	Hemel West Office Hours
<b>Monday</b> 12 noon-6pm	<b>Monday</b> 3pm-6pm
<b>Tuesday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Tuesday</b> Closed
<b>Wednesday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Wednesday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm
<b>Thursday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Thursday</b> 9.30am-12.30pm
<b>Friday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Friday</b> 9.30am-12.30pm

## HOLY MASS

<b>SUN 24 Sep</b>	<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	(SMSJ) 5pm (Sat vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 9.45am (SM) 11.45am	Peter Moore (7th RIP ANNIV) Pro Populo  William Devlin (2nd RIP ANNIV) (Known as Bill)
<b>WED 27 Sep</b>	St Vincent de Paul	(SMSJ) 10am	
<b>FRI 29 Sep</b>	SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL	(SMSJ) 10am	Ron Brewster (RIP)
<b>SAT 30 Sep</b>	St Jerome	(SMSJ) 5pm	
<b>SUN 1 Oct</b>	<b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 9.45am (SM) 11.45am	Pro Populo

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like a Mass offered for a deceased family member or a friend, or for any other intention, do let Shirley Bailey know by emailing her at [shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk) or you can call her on 01442 391 759. It is customary to make an offering and the diocese recommends £10 per Mass. If this is unaffordable for you, please feel free to make an offering you can afford.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday: 4pm-4.30pm at SS Mary & Joseph church and by appointment.

## MAKING CONTACT AT HEMEL WEST CATHOLIC PARISH

**Parish Priest:** Fr Brian McMahon      [brianmcmahon@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:brianmcmahon@rcdow.org.uk) (Opt 3)

**Parish Administrator:** Shirley Bailey      [shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk) (Opt 2)

**Parish Catechetical Coordinator & Pastoral Assistant:** Callum Moore (Opt 4)

**Email:** [cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk](mailto:cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk)

**Hall Bookings:** via Shirley or [hemelwesthallbookings@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hemelwesthallbookings@rcdow.org.uk) (In Office Hours)

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